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Halloween Safety Tips

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It's almost that time of year again to show off your costumes, eat candy to your heart's content, prank your friends and indulge in countless parties/outings with your friends.

Halloween is just days away, but this spooky celebration comes with some precautions that should be taken into consideration. Here are some tips to remember for Oct. 31:

1) Pay attention to your surroundings

This is a common safety method, but sometimes when you are having too much fun or think that you are in a safe environment, it slips your mind. There will be persons in costumes who may not attend your university or be a part of your social group. Always be cautious as some people do have ill intentions. Additionally, try to stay in well-lit areas when walking around.

2) Buddy system

Leave and return to campus with the same group of friends or with a close

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Well-lit areas during this time of year will provide the most safety from pranksters and persons up to mischief.

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Uber and Lyft are great, safe forms of transportation. If you do not own a vehicle, or if you will be legally drinking this option is also cost effective.

A Very "Hocus Pocus" Halloween: The 25th Anniversary

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On Oct. 20, Freeform celebrated the 25th anniversary of the popular Halloween movie, "Hocus Pocus." The film depicts a teenage boy who takes his chances exploring a well-known house that used to belong to three witches during the Salem Witch Trial Era. He goes to the house with his love interest Allison and younger sister Dani.

While at the house, Allison tells Max about the history and the three sisters who lived there, the Sanderson sisters. Attempting to impress Allison, Max foolishly lights a candle that brings the Sanderson sisters back to life, unleashing an unruly amount of consequences. With the help of a talking cat, the three kids have to steal the witches' magical spell book and stop

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Freshman and homeland security major Santino Manzare dressed as Billy (left) from Hocus Pocus with his friends from University of Tampa as the Sanderson sisters at Disney this month. "A lot of people asked to take pictures of us while we were there," Manzare said.

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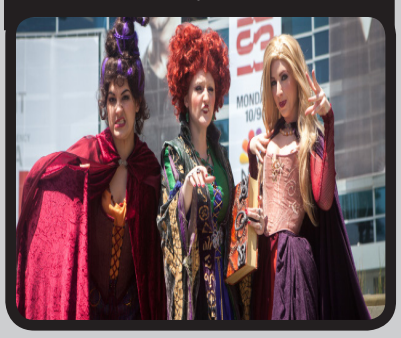

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Last Minute Halloween Costumes

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With Halloween approaching fast sometimes you need a quick costume that will get you your extra bingo card on Halloween Bingo night. The thing is, what is so easy to put together, that is affordable and unique? Of course, you can throw on a white sheet and cut out the infamous two eye holes, but there are so many other things you could do without breaking the bank!

The first step to finding a fast, cheap and easy costume is to look in your own closet. There are so many simple costumes that only require your everyday clothes and a bit of creativity. Most TV

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show characters can be pulled off this way. For example, one of CWTV's very famous shows based off the Archie Comics known as "Riverdale" has some very easy costuming. The five main characters Archie, Betty, Veronica, Jughead and Cheryl all have very distinct looks. Betty is known for her peter pan collar shirts and high ponytail,

Veronica for her black dresses and white pearls, Cheryl for any outfit including red and her red lips, Jughead for his beanie and leather jacket and finally Archie for his letterman jacket and red hair. Similar ideas can be done with other shows such as "Stranger Things," "The Office," "Friends" and "Grey's Anatomy." The best part about choosing a TV show or movie, means there are more character options for when you're in need of a group costume.

Some of the best last-minute costumes come from a comedic point of view. "Cereal Killer" is a great example of a punny outfit. All you have to do is take a shirt and glue mini empty cereal boxes on it and stab a plastic knife into each box, and if you're really into the costume splatter some fake blood all over the shirt! Everyone will get a great laugh out of your shirt, and it even fits the spooky season theme. You can continue the jokes by taking a plain shirt and writing "life" in large letters across the front. Then, grab a couple of lemons to hand out and you have yourself "when life gives you lemons..." To really make this costume fun, you can ask a friend to dress like a glass of lemonade!

You can also always go traditional and pull off witches, mummies, vampires and scarecrows. For a witch, all you need is a dark colored dress, a stuffed black cat, a broom and a pointy hat! Mummies are easy to replicate with some toilet paper or gauze. Vampires only need a cape, white face paint and some extra pointy teeth. And finally a scarecrow could be created by wearing a plaid shirt, throwing on some scary face paint (or cute depending on the look you're going for)

and some jeans.

Some other random ideas for costumes include fruit (or for a group a fruit bowl), a tacky tourist, nerds, Beanie Babies or even an error code. The best part of Halloween is becoming whatever or whoever you wish to be. You can make anything a costume, all it takes is a little imagination and some fun!

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friend, and always keep tabs on each other while out. Never go to the bathroom or leave an event alone.

3) Transportation

Make use of safe forms of transportation, if you or your friends do not plan on driving to a party/event. Apps like Uber or Lyft are great choices for ensuring your safety during the night's activities.

4) Hosting a Party

If you are hosting a party, create a list of the people you have invited and keep an eye on the guests you allow to enter. You can also hire someone as security if necessary.

5) Fire Exits and Campus Security

Familiarize yourself with fire exits depending on where the party is being held in case an emergency occurs. If you are not on your college campus, take note of where the campus security building is located in the event something goes wrong and you need help.

6) Instincts

If you feel uncomfortable, trust your gut and leave the party or say "no" to whatever may be making you feel uneasy. If you do feel like leaving, tell your friends who you went to the party with and make an excuse, if necessary, to those who may be concerned about your sudden departure.

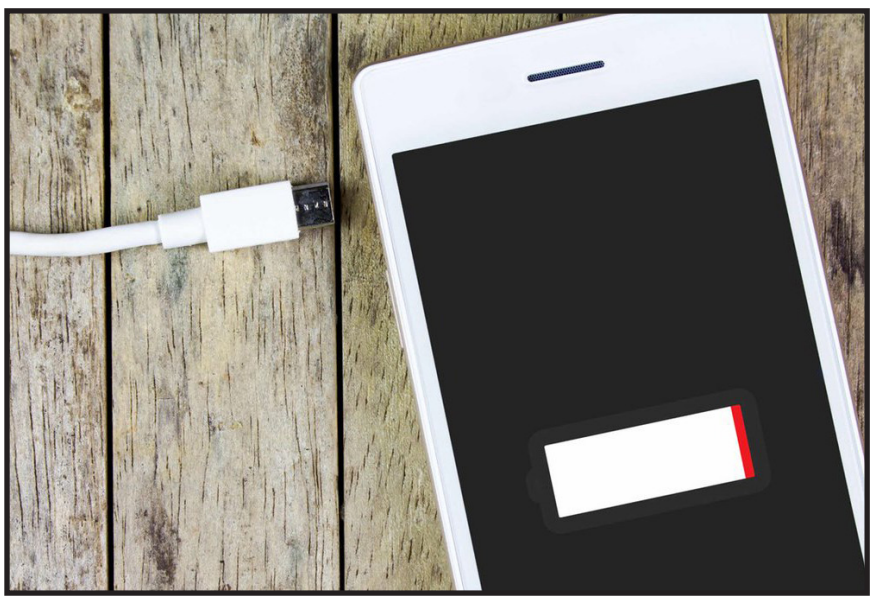
7) Alcohol Consumption

If you are of legal drinking age, limit your alcohol consumption as you will need to be aware of what is going on around you. It is always okay to have fun, but not too much especially if you are not in a familiar environment. Also, never leave your drinks unattended. Throw it away and get a new cup if you have to go to the bathroom or do something else.

8) Cellphones

Make sure your cellphone is fully charged for emergency purposes. You may also need to make sure you make a last minute check that you turned in that assignment!

The Lions' Pride would like to wish everyone a safe, yet frightful Halloween. Underage students are **strongly** discouraged from drinking.



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Charging your phone and keeping other power storage devices handy through the night, will ensure your safety during the festivities.

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Underage drinking is strongly discouraged, however a buddy system should be implemented between you and your friends to ensure the safety of the group.

The Lions' Pride Weekly Word Search

"Touchdown with Words"

Spooktacular Halloween 2018

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PUMPKIN
GHOUL
MONSTERS
COSTUME
HAUNTED
MASK
WITCHES
MUMMY
SKELETON
VAMPIRES
CANDY
WEREWOLVES
COFFIN

Competition Rules

The first student, faculty or staff member to complete and turn in this week's word search will receive a **FREE** Lions' Pride Media Group T-shirt!

*The puzzle must be turned in to our Lifestyle page editor, Ali Masso **ON Wednesday, Oct. 31, between 11:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.** in the newspaper office: **SAB 106**.

Worldly News

Halloween: All Around the World

By Tamali Smith
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Costume parties, trick or treat, scary movies, haunted houses, parades of revelry in the face of the supernatural and death all highlight the Oct. 31 holiday of festivities: Halloween. The spirit of community reigns as families and friends all dress up for the occasion, decorate and eat tons of candies. These celebrations are most common in American culture; however, this holiday also has its roots and traditions in many other different regions of the world. Although Halloween is synonymous with America, it was not the originator of this holiday.

Halloween, evolving from "All Hallows Eve," originated in Ireland. The pagan holiday was used to honor the dead where superstitions were told, costumes were worn and people left candies and food out to feed the dead. A widely recognized superstition in Ireland was that the veil between the living and the dead was very thin at this time and souls of the dead would ascend and roam the earth. In order for the spirits to leave the living, persons would carve out turnips and rutabagas, like that of the pumpkin in America. This would be used as a method of protection against the spirits. Today, the Irish celebrate Halloween the same as the US. Adults and children clothe themselves in both fancy and ghostly costumes and go trick or treating. The highlight of the holiday also involves going to fancy costume parties and decorating broomsticks and Jack O'Lanterns. The day is also filled with festivities as the Irish celebrate Halloween with a carnival. Families also commemorate the day by baking the Halloween fruitcake called barmbrack.

Another popular Halloween festivity around the world is celebrated in Mexico. This is called "Día de Los Muertos" meaning "The Day of the Dead." The three-day holiday starts at midnight Oct. 31 and lasts until Nov. 2. Mexicans believe that the gates of heaven open on Nov. 1 to allow the souls of deceased children to reunite with their friends. Later, on Nov. 2, the souls of deceased adults also join family members. According to mentalfloss.com, the Mexican culture for Halloween is commemorated with "in-home alters full of fruit, peanuts, turkey, soda, hot chocolate, water [and] stacks of tortillas." The article also mentions that a special bread is made and left as offerings for ghosts called pan de Muertos (bread of the dead). Treats and toys are left out for the children's souls while cigarettes and shots of mezcal are left out for the adults.

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Some Mexicans typically dress in Halloween costumes for the Day of the dead: Dia de Los Muertos.

Another country that hosts the Halloween holiday is Romania. Romanians refer to this day as the Day of Dracula. This is celebrated with the touring and hosting of parties at Count Dracula's castle. Although many individuals in Transylvania celebrate this day as a holiday, only a minority of the population celebrate it. This day is not well celebrated among many persons in Romania. On Oct. 31 each year, the city of Transylvania opens the castle of Dracula to host costume parties, have role plays of scenes from the film Dracula and engage in scary story telling. Many families also place garlic at the steps of their houses to ward off evil spirits and to protect them from ghosts.

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There are various Halloween decorations of pumpkins in Ireland.

With less horrific superstitions and costumes of ghostly characters, Italy celebrates Halloween with more tranquility. Ognissanti also referred to as All Saints Day, is celebrated Nov. 1. This day involves the placing of beautiful and colorful flowers on the graves of the dead. Italians also set tables for the dead to visit and also light red candles and place them at the windows after sunset. Recently, Italians also included costuming, parties and baking of Halloween treats.

Other countries, for example, Nigeria, also celebrate Halloween. The tradition lasts up to six months and involves a celebration with feasts, music and masks before the dead return to the spirit world. This day marks the return of the dead to celebrate with friends and family who are currently living. The name of the day is called Awuru Odo Festival and it happens every two years.

India celebrates Halloween somewhat differently; Halloween is called Pitru Paksha. According to hindusantime.com, the dead is taken by a Hindu god to be with the last three generations of the family. During Halloween (Pitru Paksha), the souls of the dead can return to the living for a short while. However, the contrast is that the family has to perform a fire ritual, called Shraddha. This fire ritual helps the soul to find its place and not to roam the earth for eternity. During Halloween, families of the dead celebrate the day by preparing sweet rice and milk, lentils, sweet porridge, beans and pumpkin, served on banana leaves.

While Halloween is highly celebrated in some countries, it is uncommon in others like Jamaica and The Bahamas. Kellie Bertram, a senior from Jamaica majoring in psychology, commented on how Halloween is not a staple in her country.

"Halloween is almost nonexistent in Jamaica. Just a few persons celebrate the holiday. This is normally the upper-class persons of Jamaica, and only a small percentage really do anything geared towards the holiday" Kellie said. "It's just not a part of our culture."

She also mentioned that although it is not widely celebrated, the few that do celebrate the occasion do so with small costume parties for adults and trick or treating for the kids. Having experienced the culture of Halloween and its impact on

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America, Bertram mentioned that she has no problem celebrating it the American way.

In conclusion, Halloween, though celebrated in the United States with a full month of decorations and festivity, some countries or regions have different traditions while other countries have not accepted the tradition as a part of their culture.

Take a look at Halloween hotspots around the world: Transylvania, Poland, Ireland/Scotland and Nigeria.

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Arts & Entertainment

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them from turning themselves immortal and destroying Salem. This classic Halloween film was celebrated by having a "Hocus Pocus" Anniversary Bash. The bash was in a concert/ award show setting hosted by Vanessa Hudgens and Jordan Fisher; the audience members included a large part of the movie's cult following. There were people dressed as characters from the film such as the three Sanderson sisters and Max Dennison. The party also featured guest stars from the movie to share their personal memories and favorite scenes.

Actress Bette Midler who plays Winifred Sanderson mentioned that she was drawn to the script the first time she read it. She said it was interesting and a different type of comedy that is broader than what you normally see, according to an interview with Pop Sugar.

However, Sarah Jessica Parker who portrays Sarah Sanderson said that she found the script surprisingly dark, especially since it is a Disney movie. She found the plot of the Sanderson sisters chasing children to destroy them awful, but since it was in a comedic and fun way, she agreed to the part.

Parker also has an extra connection with her character due to one of her ancestors being arrested for witchcraft long ago.

Disney World also centers their Halloween event around the film and its villains at Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party, which is extra special this year since the film is celebrating an important anniversary.

The Halloween celebration is going to be just as extravagant as all of their other ones with fireworks, Pixar-worthy visuals, amazing dancing that has been expertly choreographed, and other great surprises. There will be other Disney villains present such as Dr. Facilier, Oogie Boogie, and Maleficent, according to Bustle.

During the pop-up edition of the film that Freeform aired, there were comedic commentary and trivia. Some interesting trivia facts that were shown included that the cat's voice was not the voice of Sean Murray, who portrayed the human version of Binx. Since the producers did not want inconsistencies like this, they did a voice over of Sean Murray's parts with the voice of Jason Marsden, the actor who voiced Binx in cat version.

Another trivia fact was that the outside of Allison's house is a real haunted house that can be toured in Salem, Massachusetts. Also, the scene where Billy Butcherson cuts open his mouth and moths fly out was not CGI, those were real moths.

There was a little fan moment for "Friends" lovers as well, in the scene where Max tells Binx that he is now a Dennison. In the background, Dani and Allison are dancing around a fountain, the same fountain in the opening credits of the infamous television-comedy, "Friends."

The film is considered a Halloween classic and Disney favorite. There are vast amounts of people dressed in costume as the Sanderson sisters every Halloween as the three sisters make a great trio costume idea.

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The original costumes from the movie were featured at the D23 Expo 2011. Fans were able to marvel at the simplistic style of the dresses of the witches as well as gain inspiration for variations of the costumes for themselves.

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Despite the 25 year long gap, many fans of the film take time to dress in full garb for the Halloween season. No doubt the 25th anniversary celebration is the result of the collaborative support of fans, in tandem with Disney Studios.

Fast Facts about Hocus Pocus

1. The story originated as a bedtime story.
2. It was not an immediate hit.
3. The role of Max was offered to Leonardo Dicaprio.
4. The cast reunited for the 20th anniversary
5. The movie claims that the Sanderson sisters were hanged in Salem Oct. 31, 1693, despite the fact that the Salem Witch Trials ended in 1692.

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When Your Life Crumbles, Pursue Your Dreams: "The Rookie" T.V. Show Premiere

By Kristin Vitagliano
Contributing Writer

On Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 10 p.m., ABC premiered their new crime drama show "The Rookie."

"The Rookie" follows John Nolan (Nathan Fillion), a man newly divorced and experiencing a mid-life crisis. The audience gets introduced to him in the front of a bank where his safety deposit box is. After placing his wedding ring in the box, he goes to leave but ends up in the middle of a bank robbery.

Nolan makes eye contact with one of the bank tellers who is slowly making her way to the button under a desk that would alert the police. So, he stands up and begins speaking to the robbers. He asks them why they are doing what they are doing, and upon being threatened of being shot, tells the robbers that the robbery is one of the most exciting things that is happening in his life.

Nolan is successful in keeping the robbers distracted until the police show up, which in the eyes of the people in the bank makes him brave and a life-saver. This incites a spark in him to join the police academy and after a few years, successfully becomes a rookie officer.

He along with two other rookies, Jackson West (Titus Makin Jr.) and Lucy Chen (Melissa O'Neil) begin their first day at the Los Angeles Police Department in memorable ways. Jackson is the son of a respected cop and Lucy made an arrest before she even walked into the department. Nolan is just joining the police force at the age of 40.

Upon reaching the briefing room, the three rookies are assigned to an officer who is supposed to aid them in getting used to life outside a classroom. Jackson gets assigned to officer Angela Lopez (Alyssa Diaz), Lucy is assigned to officer Tim Bradford (Eric Winter) and Nolan is assigned to officer Talia Bishop (Afton Williamson).

Each officer puts their rookie through simple tests, like checking if their squad car is ready, before venturing out on calls. The calls teach the audience not only about the type of world the show is set in but about the characters themselves.

"The Rookie" is based on a true story that interested the show's creator and script co-writer Alexi Hawley. He was an executive producer and co-showrunner of "Castle" and because of "Castle," Hawley got Nathan Fillion involved and signed on for "The Rookie." Fillion was the former lead on the ABC show, "Castle" that ran for eight seasons.

One thing "The Rookie" excelled in was telling the audience that it is never too late to pursue a dream and that even if things seem tough, one should still pursue their dreams. Nolan is 40 years old when he graduates the police academy and becomes an officer. 40 is much older than when the average officer starts to work on the force, but he still accomplishes it. Rookie officer Lucy and officers Lopez and Bishop also fight every single day being women in a predominantly male profession.

The pilot episode of "The Rookie" was pretty fast-paced and entertaining. There was only one real dull moment as one of the officer's secrets is revealed, and, hopefully, it will be further explained without losing some of the charms that the rest of the episode built beautifully.

Every scene had some tidbit of information given and by the end of the episode, there was a good understanding of who the characters are and what their ambitions were.

But like any good pilot, there were still questions that had to be answered either about the characters.

This aspect, the characters, is a major part of why the episode and hopefully the rest of the show makes it worth the watch. Each character was unique, and their little differences made it easy for the audience to find a bit of themselves in the characters and to root for the characters. The actors have done a great job in making the characters real.

Another aspect that added a unique element to the show was how the episode was edited with camera footage from the officer's uniforms. During a call, the screens would switch between the normal third-person view, to a first-person look imitating on how the officer saw the situation; it made it easy to stay interested in what was going on.

For anyone interested in beginning a new cop show, "The Rookie" could be the answer. It had a solid start and looked promising for sure.

T.V. Premiere Rating:
4 out of 5 paws

Photo by @TheRookie

John Nolan (Nathan Fillion) confronts a man raving about unicorns on his first day out in the real world.

Film Reviews Online

Every week, we post reviews of the latest film releases to our website. These are the movies still playing at local theaters that we have reviewed to help you decide if they are worth seeing:

"The Nun"

-"A Simple Favor"

- "The House with a Clock in Its Walls"

- "A Star Is Born"

To read these film reviews and more, visit thelionspridеonline.com and click on the Arts & Entertainment subtab.

Campus News

Results are Around the Corner: Senate Update

By Philip Waitkevich
Contributing Writer

Last week, on Oct. 17, the Senate held its third meeting of the semester. Out of all the status reports from the committees, here are the most important:

• The Judicial Committee passed an amendment to the Senate's constitution. The amendment states that a club can only miss at most either one President's Council Meeting or one Club and Organization Status Report (COSR) per semester for that club to remain in good standing with the Senate.

"We have already been practicing it like this, and this is already what the SGU [executive] board holds as [a] standard [for determining good standing]. So, we thought it was important for the constitution to reflect that," said committee chair Rose Foley.

The amendment still needs to be ratified by the Student Government Union before it becomes official. Ratification is a lengthy process where the SGU President, Vice President of Operations, an advisor to the SGU, the Senate Pro-Tempore and a President of a club or organization must meet to vote on whether the amendment should be ratified. The Judicial Committee plans to officially start amending the constitution in their committee meeting Nov. 6. However, this amendment was an exception because it needed to be passed and ratified quickly.

• The Marketing and Research Committee deleted all the social media pages for the Senate. Committee chair Romario Williams said that all future posts would be made on the SGU webpage. Additionally, the committee plans to have a tabling event where students can talk to individual committees instead of the Senate as a whole so that students can ask more specific questions.

• The Philanthropy Committee is searching for potential volunteer options for all majors. They are speaking with some of the department heads to see what volunteer opportunities would be available. They also plan to work with the Social Work department for their food drive and hygiene drive.

• All class committees are planning to spend their entire budgets on events for their respective classes. The exception is the Sophomore Committee, which plans to host a scholarship for $2,000 in addition to doing its events.

• The Environmental Committee proposed getting in touch with Residence Life to discuss implementing a recycling program. It also proposed to have a recycling drive the week before Thanksgiving, along with an event to show people what can and can't be recycled. Committee member Selena Giordano said that there are a lot of clubs trying to get recycling back on campus, but that there are a lot of factors that would make it difficult to achieve this goal right away. The committee also plans to bring hammocks to campus.

• The Activities Committee is doing the finishing touches on planning Spirit Week.

The president of the University, Dr. Senese, will be attending the next Senate meeting. If you wish to attend and observe the next Senate meeting or any meeting in the future, contact Celine-Deon Palmer at celine-deon.palmer@email.saintleo.edu so that she can make sure there is space to accommodate you.

Stay tuned for future Senate updates!

Active Shooter Training

By Valerie Wright
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Run! Hide! Fight! That was the advice given to the elementary education majors in Dr. Wright's class in Kirk Hall Wednesday, Oct. 17, during a presentation by retired Chief Robert Cabot, Ph.D.

Dr. Cabot, an instructor in the Criminal Justice department, provides this annual presentation to those students preparing to be future teachers. This presentation was especially timely since our surrounding school districts have recently begun implementing these types drills at the elementary school level for the possibility of an active shooter on campus.

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